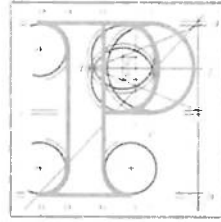


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Cllr. Dolores Minogue
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Co. Louth

Date: 27 February 2026

Re: Public realm and community infrastructure project on lands in Ardee, Co. Louth
Ardee, Co. Louth

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

Please note that the proposed development shall not be carried out unless the Commission has approved it or approved it with conditions.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned officer of the Commission at laps@pleanala.ie

Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Submission Regarding Proposed Changes to Main Street, Ardee

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to formally object to the proposed removal of 150 car parking spaces and the mature trees on Main Street, Ardee, while also offering constructive suggestions to support both town accessibility and trade.

Rationale:

1. **Impact on Local Businesses:** Convenient parking is vital for shoppers, families, older residents, and visitors. While part-time traffic wardens currently regulate parking, removing 150 spaces would significantly reduce accessibility and risk a decline in footfall and trade for local businesses.
2. **Environmental and Community Value:** The mature trees enhance the streetscape, provide shade, improve air quality, support biodiversity, and contribute to residents' well-being. Their removal would diminish the appeal and character of Main Street.
3. **Tourism and Town Image:** Accessible parking combined with green streets encourages visitors, longer stays, and increased spending. The proposed changes could negatively affect Ardee's historic and vibrant town center.
4. **Alternative Solutions:** Traffic management and urban improvements can be achieved without removing parking or trees. Options include redesigning traffic flow, providing peripheral parking with safe pedestrian access, or encouraging complementary public transport and cycling solutions. Retaining a portion of existing spaces balances accessibility with environmental and urban design goals.

Key Points Summary:

- Removal of 150 spaces risks reduced trade and accessibility for residents and visitors.
- Mature trees provide environmental, aesthetic, and community benefits.
- Part-time traffic wardens manage parking, but Main Street still relies on these spaces.
- Alternative solutions exist that meet traffic and urban improvement goals without full removal of parking or trees.
- This approach aligns with national planning policies, including Project Ireland 2040 and Town Centre First, by supporting sustainable development while preserving town vitality.

By reconsidering the plan and exploring alternatives, it is possible to protect local businesses, maintain accessibility, and preserve the character of Main Street, while also achieving traffic and public realm improvements. I urge the relevant authorities to adopt a balanced approach.

Call to Action:

I respectfully urge the authorities to listen to the concerns of local residents, businesses, and visitors and to revise the plan in a way that retains essential parking, preserves the existing trees, and supports the town's economic and social vitality. A balanced solution will demonstrate that Ardee values both sustainable development and the needs of the community it serves. Failing to do so risks long-term harm to trade, accessibility, and the character of Main Street outcomes that can and should be avoided.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
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